

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 761

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Anna-Lise Burnette,
2008 Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Anna-Lise Burnette is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Anna-Lise has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Burnette has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous other accolades; she was a 2008 National Merit Finalist and a 2007 Volunteer Girls' State delegate, attended the 2007 Governor's School for the Humanities, participated in the 2006 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, earned the Honors Chemistry I Award and the Spanish II Award, and was voted Most Likely to Succeed of the 2008 senior class; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she has served with distinction as Beta Club Secretary, Co-Captain of the school Scholars/Science Bowl team, Section Leader in the Advanced Mixed Ensemble, and the Team Manager of the bowling team; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Anna-Lise has been a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Latin Club, the Spanish Club, National Honor Society, and the Young Rationalists' Society;

she also contributed her significant singing talents to the Pigeon Forge Community Choir and was a Sevier County Choral Society Soloist; and

WHEREAS, Miss Burnette's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success in the Chancellor's Honors Program at the University of Tennessee, where she will study under the auspices of the Chancellor's Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Anna-Lise's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Kim and Elizabeth Burnette, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Burnette's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Anna-Lise Burnette, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.